गए हैं । उसी तरह के पत्र सचिव (स्वास्थ्य) स्तर पर उन संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के प्रशासनों को भी लिखे गए हैं जिन्होंने अभी अधिसूचनायें जारी नहीं की हैं ।

सरकार ने आयोडीकृत नमक का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए कदम उठाए हैं तथा सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत आयोडीकृत नमक को एक गैर अनिवार्य मद के रूप में शामिल करने का भी सुझाव दिया है ।

**Representation from Research Employees Welfare Association**

3053. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations receivd by Government from Res earch Employees' Welfare Asociation, Madras during January-February, 1992- and
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(b) what steps are being taken to settle the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) During January-February, 1992, the Government have received 9 representations from Research Employees' Welfare Association, Madras.

(b) These representations are toeing examined.

**Cure of irregular heart beat**

3054. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cardiologists of G. B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi have tried out a new technique to cure permanently irregular or fast heart beet;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and to what extent it is successful;

(c) what are the names of doctors who have developed this new technique;

(d) the number of patients who have so far been cured,

(e) what are the symptoms and treatment of the disease; and

(f) what precautionary measures are required to be taken by the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) :

(a) to (f) The surgical treatment of Arrhythmia has been in practice for the past many years. There are various methods of treating Arrhythmias, which include Catheter Ablation Techniques or surgical excision of the various abnormal pathways. The Cardiologists of G. B. Pant Hospital recently applied the technique to provide relief to patients of episodic or permanently intractable fast heart beats. The Hos-pHnl has informed that the technique which was performed toy Dr. D. S. Gambir. Dr. Mohan Nair and other doctors of its Cardiology Department successfully in the case of 5 patients, is performed in the cardoc catheterisation laboratory by selective eannulation of a very small artery, known as AV Nodal branch, with a very thin guide wir\e and aimed to ablate the AV Node by selective injection of absolute alcohol into this artery with the help of a small balloon angioplasty catheter. Injection of alcohol into AV node results in complete interruption of transmission of impulses and patient is relieved of bis fast heart beats. However, the natient has to be supported by a permanent pacemaker. Attacks of fast heart beat and slow heart beat. which are the symptoms of the disease. are treated through chemical

ablation and pacekmaker respectively. The patient on permanent pacemakers need the usual precautions and regular follow-up checking etc. at the Hospital.

**Plan for strengthening the food and drug administration**

3055. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE foe pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working out a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Food and Drug Administration all over the country;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the role proposed to be assigned to the Central and State Agencies in this behalf?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D, K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The Government have initiated various steps to strengthen the Food and Drug Administrations, both at the Central and State levels. These include expansion of Prevention of Food Adultration Units and the Central Drugs Control Organisation at the Centre; additional facilities for Central Food and Drug Laboratories; and providing of Central Assistance to the State Governments to augment the facilities in the Food and Drug Laboratories. It is also proposed to strengthen the Drug Inspectorate staff in the States.

(c) Under the prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Rules there-under and also the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder, the role assigned to the Central Govern, mnt is mainly to lay down standards for Food and Drugs respectively. However, the basic responsiblity of enforcement of these Acts and Rules for purposes of issuing of Licences/ cancellation of licences, checking of quality of Food and drugs etc. are of the State Governments.

The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules are being amended so that for specified categories of drugs, the State Government shall issue licences only with the approval of the Central Government.

**T.B. and Leprosy treatment in Arunachal Pradesh**

3056. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and achievements of eradication of T.B. and Leprosy during the last two years in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of T.B./Leprosy centres functioning in the State; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to create more such Centres during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Targets and achievements under National T.B. Control Programme